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ANNUAL REPORT,
OF THE
LADIES' ASSOCIATION,
FOR
SALISBURY, | MELKSHAM,
CALNE, DEVIZES, &c.
IN AID OF THE CAUSE OF
Negro Emancipation.

“And I said unto them, We, after our ability, have redeemed our brethren the Jews, *which were* sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing *to answer.*” NEHEMIAH v. 8.

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"'Tis liberty alone that gives the flower
Of fleeting life, its lustre and perfume ;
And we are weeds without it. All constraint,
Except what wisdom lays on evil men,
Is evil ; hurts the faculties ; impedes
Their progress in the road of science ; blinds
The eye-sight of discovery ; and begets
In those that suffer it, a sordid mind,
Bestial ; a meagre intellect, unfit
To be the tenant of man's noble form."

COWPER.

REPORT.



IN commencing their annual task, the Committee of the Ladies' Association, in aid of the cause of Negro Emancipation, regret that the little they have been able to effect, during the past year, furnishes them with but few materials upon which to ground a Report.

Although the Society has not been actively engaged in adopting means for the promotion of its Great Cause, yet we hope, from the willingness with which the subscriptions have been paid, and from the regular distribution of the Monthly Reporters, (the demand for which is a little increased,) that the interest of our Members is yet undiminished. Many of them, we believe, have

the subject deeply at heart, and would sincerely rejoice, should an opportunity present, of more warmly espousing the cause of the oppressed. Whether these are of the opinion, that at present little can be done, or whether they may desire the adoption of more decided measures, let them persevere in exerting the influence they may possess, amongst their families at home, and as occasion may offer, in a more public manner; remembering how important it is, to keep the subject in view, amongst those who are convinced of the wickedness of Slavery, and to enlighten the understandings of others, who are yet unacquainted with its evils.

By referring to the Treasurer's report, it will be seen, that during the past year, £25 have been presented to the London Anti-slavery Society, £15 to the Antigua Refuge Society, £15 to the Society for the relief of the deserted Negro Slaves in that island, and £5 to the Hibernian Negro Friend Society.

Some of the Committee have lately had an affecting picture, of the state of things in

the West Indies, brought before them, by receiving from a recent eye-witness, a description of Negro Slavery, as it now exists, in one of the British Colonies. In this Island,* where the features of Slavery are comparatively mild, it appears, that, though the bodily wants of the slaves are tolerably well supplied, and though it may be the lot of many to possess kind and humane masters, yet the state of moral and religious degradation into which they are sunk, is dreadful in the extreme, and as the narrator observes, “nearly reduces them to the level of brutes.”

The proposals for reform, made in the Jamaica legislature, and negatived by a large majority, too clearly prove that no improvement is adopted there, and for further proofs of which we refer our readers to the affecting cases of Henry Williams, and George, in No. 65, p. 356 and 357 of the Anti-slavery Reporter.

Whilst, therefore, the Committee feel unable to do much in a public manner, they

* Barbadoes,

would endeavour to impress upon the minds of every Member of their Society, that slavery still exists, and not, as we fear many suppose, in its *ameliorated*, but only *concealed* form, disguising under the mask of improvement, the horrors of a system, which the Christian Religion alone, should teach us to abhor and condemn !

At the Fifth Annual Meeting of this Society, held at Devizes, September 17, 1830, MRS. SLADE, and MRS. WAYLEN, were appointed Secretaries in the place of MRS. TOWNSEND, who has resigned her office from indisposition.

Treasurer :

Mrs. W. GUNDRY, Springfield, near Calne.

Secretaries :

Mrs. SLADE, Devizes.—**Mrs. WAYLEN**, Ditto.
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Committee :

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Mrs. ALLBUTT	MISS S. GUNDRY	MISS NEAVE
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Mrs. ELLIOTT	Mrs. JEFFERYS	MISS SLADE
MISS FOWLER	Mrs. T. METHUEN	MISS WAYLEN

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Mrs. Allbutt, Devizes.

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Mrs. Pearson, Deanery, Salisbury

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Miss Simpson, Ditto

Miss Slade, Devizes

Miss Townsend, Calstone, near Calne

Miss Waylen, Devizes

LIST

OF

Subscriptions and Donations.

ALLCANNINGS.

	Donations.	Subs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De Bollville Madame, Ashlington, } near Devizes	—	1 1 0
Hillier, Miss H.	—	0 5 0
King, Miss	—	0 5 0
Methuen, Mrs. T. A.	—	1 0 0
Methuen, Miss E. M.	—	0 5 0

BRADFORD.

Cadby, Miss	—	0 5 0
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CALNE.

Baily, Mrs.	—	0 7 6
Baily, Mrs. T. P.	—	0 7 6
Baily, Miss	—	0 5 0
Bendry, Mrs. Castle House	—	1 0 0
Bewly, Mrs.	—	0 5 0
Bishop, Miss	—	0 5 0
Bowley, Mrs. Cirencester	—	0 12 0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bucknell, Miss	—			0	5	0
Button, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
A Friend, by Mrs. Gundry	—			0	6	0
A Friend, by ditto	—			0	12	0
A Friend to the Cause	—			0	10	0
Field, Mrs.	—			0	12	0
Gundry, Mrs.	—			0	12	0
Gundry, Mrs. W. Springfield	—			0	12	0
Gundry, Mrs. Heddington	—			0	5	0
Gundry, Miss	—			0	5	0
Gundry, Misses	—			0	17	6
Gundry, Miss, Quemerford	—			0	5	0
Harris, Miss	—			0	5	0
Henly, Mrs. R.	—			0	10	0
Hollister, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Hughes, Mrs. Buckhill	—			0	12	0
Hawkins, Mrs. Sherston	—			1	1	0
Heale, Mrs. Quemerford	1	0	0			
Lanfear, Miss	—			0	7	0
Moncy, Mrs. Whetham	—			0	12	0
Nalder, Miss Barwick	—			0	5	0
Neave, Miss, Springfield	—			0	5	0
Norris, Miss, Nonsuch	—			0	10	0
Pepler, Mrs. Heddington	—			0	10	0
Pinniger, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Ruddle, Mrs. Bishops Cannings	—			0	5	0
Tanner, Miss	—			0	5	0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thomas, Mrs. Prior Park	0	10	0			
Thomas, Miss, ditto	0	10	0			
Vincent, Miss	—			1	0	0
Ward, Mrs. Buckhill	—			0	5	0
Wayte, Mrs.	—			0	7	0

CALSTONE-WELLINGTON.

Hughes, Miss S. for Negro Schools	—			1	0	0
Penruddocke, Miss, Fyfield	—			0	10	0
Townsend, Mrs. C.	—			0	12	0
Townsend, Miss	1	0	0	0	5	0
Collected in small sums	0	0	8			
Caulfield, Miss, Henly	—			1	1	0

CHIPPENHAM.

Gale, Miss	—			0	2	6
Gundry, Mrs.	—			0	12	0
Short, Mrs.	—			0	10	0
Stephens, Miss	—			0	5	0

DEVIZES.

Allbutt, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Anstie, Mrs. P.	—			0	10	6
Biggs, Mrs. W.	—			0	5	0
Cadby, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Coward, Miss	0	5	0			
Clark, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Elliott, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Elliott, Miss	—			0	5	0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Elliott, Miss, S.	—			0	5	0
Fowle, Miss	—			0	5	0
Gundry, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Leach, Miss	—			0	5	0
Pawsey, Miss	—			0	5	0
Pontin, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Randell, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Slade, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
A Friend by ditto	0	12	0			
Slade, Miss	—			0	5	0
Slade, Miss, A.	—			0	5	0
Two Sisters	—			0	5	0
Tanner, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Waylen, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Waylen, Miss	—			0	5	0
Waylen, Miss, C.	—			0	5	0
Whitchurch, Mrs.	—			0	5	0

FORDINGBRIDGE.

Brixey, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Chubb, Miss	—			0	5	0
A Friend to the Cause	—			0	5	0
A Friend to Emancipation	—			0	5	0
Grey, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Neave, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Neave, Mrs. J.	—			0	10	6
Neave, Miss, Bicton	—			0	5	0
Neave, Miss, S.	—			0	5	0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oates, Mrs.	—			0	2	6
Quinton, Mrs.	0	1	0			
Veal, Mrs.	—			0	5	0

HUNGERFORD.

Anonymous	1	0	0			
Baker, Miss	0	10	0			
Hogsflesh, Miss	—			0	2	6
Lanfear, Mrs.	0	3	0			
Lanfear, Mrs. A.	—			0	5	0
Milne, Miss	0	2	6			
Millish, Mr.	0	1	0			
Morse, Miss	0	2	6			
Mount, Mrs.	0	5	0			
Viner, Mrs.	0	2	6			
Westall, Mr.	—			0	2	6

MELKSHAM.

Bruges, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Eyles, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Evans, Mrs. Bristol	—			0	5	0
Evans, Mrs. S. ditto	—			0	5	0
Evans, Miss, ditto	—			0	5	0
Fowler, Mrs.	—			0	10	0
Fowler, Mrs. J.	—			0	7	0
Fowler, Miss	—			0	10	0
Finch, Mrs.	—			0	7	0
Gaisfound, Mr. Henmarsh, near Seend				0	2	6
Heathcote, Mrs. and family	—			0	15	0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hamlyn, Mrs. Holt	—			0	5	0
Jefferys, Mrs.	—			0	12	0
Matravers, Mrs.	—			0	7	0
Marriott, Mrs. Holt	0	10	6			
Powell, Mrs.	—			0	12	0
Simpson, Mrs.	—			0	7	0
Simpson, Mrs. W.	—			0	5	0
Simpson, Miss	—			0	5	0
Simpson, Miss C.	—			0	5	0
Wilshire, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Wilshire, Miss	—			0	5	0
Withy, Mrs.	—			0	7	0
Withy, Miss	—			0	7	0

POOLE.

Balston, Mrs.	—			0	7	0
Binns, Mrs.	—			0	10	0
Butler, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
De Horn, Mrs.	—			0	10	0
Garland, Mrs.	—			0	10	0
Neave, Mrs.	—			0	5	0
Thompson, Miss	—			0	10	0
White, Mrs. Charlton	—			0	10	0

SALISBURY.

The Lord Bishop of Salisbury	..			2	0	0
Burgess, Mrs.	..			1	0	0
The very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury	..			1	0	0
Pearson, Mrs.	..			1	0	0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Pearson, Mrs.'s Children	1	0	0			
Atkinson, Mrs. G.	..			0	10	6
Atkinson, Mrs. T. Longhill	..			0	5	0
Andrews, Mrs. H.	..			0	5	0
A Friend	..			0	5	0
Bennett, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
A Friend by ditto	..			0	2	6
Brown, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Evans, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Felton, Mrs.	..			1	0	0
Foote, Miss	..			0	5	0
Goodall, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Glass, Miss	..			0	5	0
Grove, Mrs.	..			0	12	0
Hume, Mrs. M.	..			0	10	0
Hoby, Mrs. Weymouth	..			0	5	0
Livius, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Long, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Marsh, Mrs.	..			1	0	0
Marlow, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Minty, Mrs. A.	..			0	5	0
Osmond, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Phillips, Rev. J. E.	..			0	5	0
Phillips, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Pinkerton, Miss	..			1	0	0
Piers, Mrs. Preston	..			0	5	0
Piers, Miss	..			0	5	0

	Donations.			Subs.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Collected by Miss Piers	1	2	6			
Rooke, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Stagg, Miss	..			0	5	0
Seagrim, Mr. W.	..			0	5	0
Tate, Miss	..			1	0	0
Toone, Mr.	..			0	5	0
Toone, Master	..			0	5	0
Tyzard, Mrs. Weymouth	..			0	5	0
Vivian, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Wheeler, Miss	..			0	10	0
Whitchurch, Mrs.	..			0	10	0
Whitchurch, Mrs. W.	..			0	10	0
Whitchurch, Miss	..			0	10	0
Willis, Mrs.	..			0	5	0
Young, Miss, M.	..			0	5	0

ABSTRACT OF THE CASH ACCOUNT,

From October 5, 1829, to October 29, 1830.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand.....	26	18	11
Subscriptions and Donations	73	2	2
Bags, Seals, and Books	6	1	2
Cards; Reports, &c.	0	6	10
Negro Box in Mrs. G. Atkinson's } Kitchen	0	5	6

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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
London Anti-slavery Society	25	0	0
Distressed Negroes in Antigua ..	15	0	0
Refuge for the Destitute ditto.....	15	0	0
Printing	9	10	6
Anti-slavery Reporters.....	5	3	3
Ditto for Salisbury	5	11	0
Expended in Devices District....	4	2	6
Hibernian Negro Friends Society	5	0	0
Tracts	1	12	9
Postage and Carriage	0	3	8
Cash in hand	20	10	11

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